

# Weekly School News Roundup

## Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School

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### News from your Headteacher

Welcome Back for the Summer Term! I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and that your children are looking forward to the term ahead. There are lots of events in the diary for the term already so please make sure we have up-to-date contact details for you. Please also remember that we have a calendar on the school website which is updated regularly with events including Sports Day, class photos and PTFA events. All the staff at Withycombe are committed to making children's learning both exciting and engaging with lots of experiences that we hope children will remember for a very long time.

As we enter the Summer Term and hopefully warmer weather, children may opt to wear summer dresses or shorts as per our uniform expectations. Please remember that on days when children have PE lessons, they should wear the appropriate PE kit (black shorts or jogging bottoms/school t-shirt and either a school jumper or school hoodie). Several children are wearing 'non-uniform' items on these days which are not permitted. We would appreciate your support with this request. Please also ensure that children have a sun hat and water bottle available each day.

<https://www.wrpschool.org/school-uniform>

### School Vision Survey

We are currently reviewing our School Vision (Growing Happy, Caring Hearts and Minds) and would love to hear from our whole school community; you should have received links this week to two surveys - one for parents and carers and one for children. We are seeking your views on what makes Withycombe special and distinctive to you, and what your hopes are for your children during their time here. Your insights will help us identify the key features of our school and guide our vision for the future. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts.

Survey for Parents and Carers: <https://forms.gle/a1uSwVFTKPDUvaig6>

Survey for children: <https://forms.gle/oZ83yAagMR9BJLNFA>

### Swimming

On Monday we were excited to have our 'pop up' pool on site, ready for swimming lessons for children in Years 2 and 3. The first week has been a success and it has been wonderful to see the children in the water, enjoying the opportunity to develop water confidence and swimming skills. This is a new venture for us as school and we hope that having the pool on site will enable us to give more children more time in the water, and more opportunity to develop these vital skills. As a school that is so close to the sea, we believe it is vital that we give all our children the necessary skills to keep themselves safe in the water. Thank you to the PTFA for subsidising the cost of the pool. As with anything new we had a few teething problems, but hopefully these have been rectified and the remainder of the lessons will take place without issue.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs E Jones  
Headteacher



Growing

Happy

Caring

Hearts

and

Minds



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## Wellbeing

Earth Day, is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It aims to raise awareness of issues that impact our planet. For further information visit the World Wildlife Trust:

<https://www.wwf.org.uk/learn/world-days/earth-day>

It can also be a great opportunity to marvel and be mindful at how wonderful our planet is, with Spring bringing lots of change in new growth and new life.

**Mindfulness** is where we give our mental attention to being in the present moment, avoiding dwelling on the past or thinking about the future. By doing this regularly we may be able to help reduce feelings of anxiety, worry or sadness in ourselves and our children. Connecting with Nature is a great way to practice being mindful! One way to do this in nature, is by using our senses - sight, smell, hearing, touch.

**Try a nature walk this weekend. Talk with your child about:**

- ✓ What they like in the scenery around them
- ✓ How many things they can spot that are the colours of the rainbow
- ✓ What shapes the clouds make
- ✓ Which flowers smell best
- ✓ Shut your eyes - What different sounds can they hear
- ✓ How many leaves can they find with different textures

*And above all - have fun in the present moment!*

## A Reminder about our School Wellbeing Webpage

We would like to remind you about our Wellbeing Page on our school website: [wrpschool.org/wellbeing-2026](http://wrpschool.org/wellbeing-2026)

Has your child been anxious about returning to school after the Easter break? Please scroll down to our article 'start the day in a calm way' for lots of ideas and strategies to overcome this. You can also view videos and presentations on understanding and managing anxiety, anger and grief.

In school we also promote 10 choices that we can all make – children and adults - to help our own mental health. See our Mental Health Jigsaw of choices!

If you would like to know more about what mental health and wellbeing services are available locally, you will find a list of local and national resources we feel may be of help.

Mrs L Jones  
Wellbeing TA



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## A Splashing Time!

We were very excited at the arrival of the swimming pool on our Year 3 playground!



Kings Garden Centre donated some bulbs – that they are blooming brightly at school now!



Thank you to everyone who has activated their MCAS account. If your link has expired and you need it to be sent again, please let us know by emailing [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)

The activation links were emailed to 'Priority 1' contacts, as these are the family members authorised to access the data that the system holds about their children. If you have a Priority 2 contact who also needs a link, please email us.

You can now **report absences** using the app. When we review an absence submitted via MCAS you automatically receive a notification that we have 'accepted' it, and the register has been updated.

From **1st June** MCAS will be a one-stop shop and you'll be able to book your school lunches, clubs and trips too.

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## Sports and Other Achievements

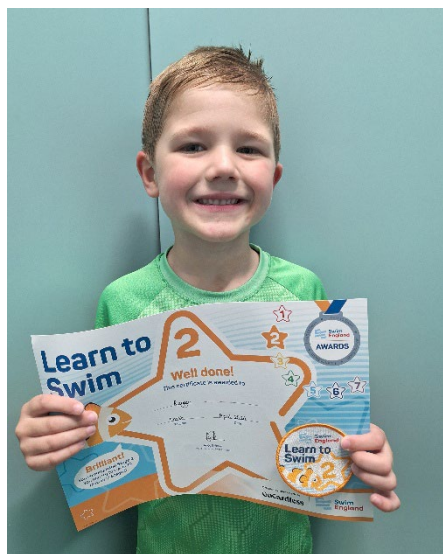


On Sunday Mrs Jones ran the Newport Marathon – and achieved a new PB of 3:30:26!



On Sunday 19th April, Blossom watched her Dad (Lee) run the Manchester marathon! He helps with the school running club too.

*"I was super excited to watch my Dad race for the first time, finishing the marathon in 2:54:44! He finished 704th out of 28,077 people!"*



Reggie in Rabbits Class is proud to have earned his Stage 2 swimming award!



During the Easter break Ella competed in a European, National and Regional races. Ella raced hard and got 4th in the European Cup Round 3, and 2nd both days in Manchester.

Next up is Glasgow for rounds 3 and 4 of the National BMX Series!



If your child would like to share their achievements - whether that's a sporting success, gaining library reading challenge certificates, theatre or music performances, or anything else – please email a photo and a short description to: [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org)

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**We need your help to raise some funds to buy additional Little Wandle books, so our children can borrow them and continue their brilliant phonics learning at home. We would once again be very grateful for any support you can give, if you are able.**

We'd like the children to work for these donations! Pick & Mix the best challenges **for your family:**

Would you rather take part in a **Sponsored** challenge?

Or, invite friends to come for a **Read-Over?**

Or, plan a **Selfless Saturday?**

Or would you rather **Just Donate?**

## **Sponsored activities:**

We will supply sponsorship forms. *Ask friends and neighbours to chip in!*

- \* Sponsor your child to **read** on their own (per page/per paragraph)?
- \* Or, sponsor your child to **read to their sibling** – they could read their younger sibling's bedtime story every day for a week/fortnight?
- \* Come up with your own sponsored challenge, or
- \* You could \*really\* challenge your children with a sponsored **silence!!**

## Have a **Read-Over:**

Invite a few best friends for a sleep over *with a difference*. Everyone brings their favourite book and reads quietly for an hour before bed! Charge your 'guests' a small fee to donate as a group.

## Plan a **Selfless Saturday:**

Does your child usually have some treats on the weekend? Perhaps it's pocket money day, or maybe they get a small toy, a take-away, or some sweet treats. They could decide to be selfless one day and donate the money that's usually spent on Selfless Saturday instead!

## **Just Donate:**

If your family is too busy to arrange sponsored activities at home but you'd still like to support the appeal, we also offer the option to Just Donate! We'll put a payment item on Parent Pay for your voluntary donations. Please feel free to amend the default amount downwards – or upwards!

We still need to raise LOTS more if you can help!

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# ★ OPAL ★

## Play Donation Request! ★

We are looking for **plastic toys** to help enrich our **OPAL** playtimes!

If you have any of the following items at home and no longer need them, we'd love to give them a new life in our playground:



**Small plastic figures or animals**



★ **Plastic vehicles** (cars, diggers, trucks, etc.)

★ **Building pieces** (e.g. Duplo, large blocks)



★ **Plastic kitchen toys**

★ **Child-safe plastic tools or equipment**



★ **Buckets, tubs, scoops**



All donations should be **clean, safe, and in good condition.**

Thank you for supporting creative, active and joyful play! ♥

Please drop donations to the school office!

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## Parent and Carer Lumi Nova Discovery Workshop

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 6-7pm

Joining link below!


NICE recommended for ages 7-12


Find out more about the free Lumi Nova app and the support it can offer for your young person.

Learn about CBT, exposure therapy and the science behind Lumi Nova.

Supportive space to download the app with MHST Lumi Nova Champions.

Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 399 221 272 523 28  
Passcode: pX3ve2bn


Join us online 



## MHST Parent and Carer Summer Term Workshops


Wednesday 29/04/2026 6-7pm

- Lumi Nova Digital Therapy for Ages 7-12

Join us on Microsoft Teams  
Meeting ID: 399 221 272 523 28  
Passcode: pX3ve2bn 


Wednesday 24/06/2026 6-7pm


- Supporting a Successful Transition to Secondary School

Join us on Microsoft Teams  
Meeting ID: 319 109 280 827 09  
Passcode: Be77Zx35 

Wednesday 15/07/2026 6-7pm

- Supporting the Use of Devices

Join us on Microsoft Teams  
Meeting ID: 345 784 004 151 21  
Passcode: hm3gu2oa 



# SIT. STAY. SIDESHORE!

Saturday 25th April  
10am to 4pm



-  Dog show (lots of fun categories)
-  Dog crafts & storytelling in the Hub
-  Community dog walk
-  Dog ice creams & puppuccinos at Hangtime
-  Dog pavement art with Ella
-  Free dog sausages at Heydays (with a meal)

-  Agility and Hoopers dog demos
-  Doggy market stalls
-  Devon Loves Dogs
-  Doggy photo booth
-  Dog trainer Q&A

All info and booking at [www.sideshore.co.uk](http://www.sideshore.co.uk) - link here → 

## EXMOUTH ART WEEKEND

1-4 MAY 2026

The umbrella event for Exmouth's vibrant arts scene

**EXHIBITIONS**  
**OPEN STUDIOS**  
**ART CAR BOOT MARKET**  
**EN PLEIN AIR PAINTING**  
**LIVE MURALS**  
**WORKSHOPS**  
**3D STREET ART**  
**COMMUNITY MOSAIC**

YOUR WEEKEND OF CREATIVITY STARTS HERE

COME CURIOUS. LEAVE INSPIRED.








Sponsored by:



With grateful thanks to:



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Attention all Year Six Students  
You are invited to...

## The Hive's Yr 6 transition parties 2026!

Transitioning from primary school to secondary school can be a challenging time. By attending you will have the chance to meet other young people going to the same secondary school, play games, have fun and relax before starting in September!

Please only sign up to 1 so we can accommodate for as many young people as possible.

**SPACE**  
YOUTH SERVICES



### Dates and times:

#### Year 6 transition sessions:

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
3:30pm - 5.30pm

&

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
6.00pm - 8.00pm

exmouthspace

The Hive YC

The Hive, Kennaway Centre  
0-12 Victoria Road  
Exmouth EX8 1DL  
01395 224259



Only £5 per person!

Book now Via the QR Code or message our socials for the link

THE MAYNARD SCHOOL

# DISCOVERY MORNING

**FLOWER POWER**

**REGISTER NOW**  
at  
[maynard.co.uk](http://maynard.co.uk)

**Saturday 9th May 2026**

9.30 - 11.30am (Doors open: 9am)

Free and fun-filled activities for all girls aged 3-11 years

### FOR ALL GIRLS IN SCHOOL YEARS 2 - 6

Choose two FREE activities from an epic line-up!



**PETALS & PATTERNS**  
Make beautiful flower-themed magnets with vibrant sand and dazzling designs. Colourful, crafty fun at its best!

#### SEED BOMBS

Roll up your sleeves, squish and roll your own seed balls, then take them home to plant for a blooming brilliant wildflower wow!



**WONDERLAND ESCAPE ROOM**  
Tumble down the rabbit hole and crack curious clues, solve mad puzzles, and race the clock in a topsy-turvy adventure!



**SUPER SING**  
Sing like a bird! A feel-good singalong that'll have you absolutely flying.



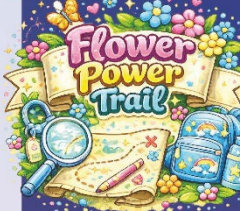
**BISCUIT BLOSSOMS**  
Ice it, sprinkle it, bloom it! Create beautiful, professional-looking flower biscuits - almost too pretty to eat!



**CRAZY CRICKET**  
Action-packed cricket challenges focused on skills, teamwork and enormous fun! No cricket experience required.



**FLOWER BRACELETS**  
Petal power! Design fun, flowery bracelets bursting with gorgeous colour.



### Featuring the

#### FOR ALL GIRLS AGED 3 - 6

You are invited to skip, hop and twirl along our magical flower trail, where you'll discover plenty of delightful activities - from butterfly gymnastics and playdough blooms to handprint flowers and even creating your own beautiful seed pots to grow at home.

Come and join the fun - it's going to be an unmissable burst of Flower Power magic and blooming adventures!

**REGISTER NOW** via [www.maynard.co.uk](http://www.maynard.co.uk)

The Maynard School, Denmark Road, Exeter, Devon EX1 1SJ

# MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP MAY HALF TERM

SportyStars



26<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY

Multi-Activity holiday camp providing active, engaging and memorable experiences during the school holidays  
4 days, 6 activities every day, indoors and outdoors

**ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOL, LYMPSTONE**

**08:15 - 17:15  
AGES 3 - 12**



# Sweet SALE



**AFTER SCHOOL BY YEAR 6 BUILDING**

**£1 CASH ONLY**

### DATES

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT  
YEAR 6 LEAVERS PARTY**